

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) Method for the identification of a sentinel lymph node in a subject comprising
  - a) administering to said subject a preparation comprising microbubbles comprising a shell and a gas or gas precursor, said microbubbles having a mean particle size of about 0.25 – 15  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter and a pressure stability of at least 50% at a pressure of 120 mm Hg, and wherein the shell comprises negatively charge phospholipids in an amount of from 50-100%,
    - b) allowing said microbubbles to accumulate in said sentinel lymph node and
    - c) detecting said microbubbles in said sentinel lymph node using ultrasound.
2. (Original) Method according to claim 1 wherein the preparation is interstitially, preferably percutaneously, administered.
- 3-5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the microbubbles are stable for pressure variations associated with ultrasound imaging of a mechanical index of at least 0.2.
7. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the preparation further comprises a macrophage stimulating compound.